

H.R. 2121: Mr. FROST, Mr. DEUTSCH, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 2122: Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 2139: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. OBEY, and Mr. PETRI.

H.R. 2143: Mr. FILNER and Mr. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 2163: Mr. BOB SCHAFFER.

H.R. 2196: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, and Mr. ROYCE.

H.R. 2198: Mr. LUTHER and Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

H.R. 2200: Mr. FROST, Ms. FURSE, and Mr. GILMAN.

H. Con. Res. 80: Mr. FILNER, Mr. LEWIS OF GEORGIA, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. FROST, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. COLLINS.

H. Con. Res. 81: Mr. GOODE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. TALENT, Mr. YATES, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. STARK, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. WEYGAND, and Mr. NADLER.

H. Con. Res. 91: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H. Con. Res. 97: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H. Con. Res. 99: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

H. Con. Res. 100: Mr. WEXLER, Mr. DINGELL, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H. Res. 166: Mr. YATES.

H. Res. 173: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. HARMAN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri.

H. Res. 191: Mr. HERGER, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. HULSHOF.

#### 184.58 DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 2003: Mr. BERRY and Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 1997 (85)

#### 185.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, who laid before the House the following communication:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 23, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### 185.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LATOURETTE, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, July 22, 1997.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

#### 185.3 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

4321. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Iowa [Docket No. 97-036-1] received July 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4322. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Brazil, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4323. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revised Requirements for Designation of Reference and Equivalent Methods for PM 2.5 and Ambient Air Quality Surveillance for Particulate Matter [AD-FRL-5725-6] (RIN: 2060-AE66) received July 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4324. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Major" final rule—National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter [AD-FRL-5725-2] (RIN: 2060-AE66) received July 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4325. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's "Major" final rule—National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone [ADA-95-58; FRL-5725-3] (RIN: 2060-AE57) received July 17, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4326. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Corporations [Revenue Ruling 97-31, I.R.B. 1997-32, dated August 11, 1997] received July 22, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### 185.4 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2016. An Act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 2016) "An Act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes", requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. BURNS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. BYRD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

#### 185.5 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2003

Mr. GOSS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 192):

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2003) to reform the budget process and enforce the bipartisan balanced budget agreement of 1997. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment.

The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by Representative Barton of Texas or his designee and a Member opposed to the bill; and (2) one motion to recommit.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Mr. GOSS, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

#### 185.6 BUDGET ENFORCEMENT

Mr. CASTLE, pursuant to House Resolution 192, called up the bill (H.R. 2003) to reform the budget process and enforce the bipartisan balanced budget agreement of 1997.

When said bill was considered and read twice.

After debate,

The previous question having been ordered by said resolution.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title.

Mrs. THURMAN moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Balanced Budget Assurance Act of 1997".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

Title I—Ensure That the Bipartisan Balanced Budget Agreement of 1997 Achieves Its Goal

Sec. 101. Timetable.

Sec. 102. Procedures to avoid sequestration or delay of new revenue reductions.

Sec. 103. Effect on Presidents' budget submissions; point of order.

Sec. 104. Deficit and revenue targets.

Sec. 105. Direct spending caps.

Sec. 106. Economic assumptions.

Sec. 107. Revisions to deficit and revenue targets and to the caps for entitlements and other mandatory spending.

Title II—Enforcement Provisions

Sec. 201. Reporting excess spending.

Sec. 202. Enforcing direct spending caps.

Sec. 203. Sequestration rules.

Sec. 204. Enforcing revenue targets.

Sec. 205. Exempt programs and activities.

Sec. 206. Special rules.

Sec. 207. The current law baseline.

Sec. 208. Limitations on emergency spending.

Title III—Use of Budget Surplus to Preserve Social Security Trust Fund

Sec. 301. Ending Use of Receipts of Social Security Trust Fund for Other Programs and Activities.

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act:

(1) ELIGIBLE POPULATION.—The term "eligible population" shall mean those individuals